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Letter dated 17 January 1992 from the Permanent Representative of Portugal to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

I have the honour to transmit herewith the text, in English and French, of a statement of the European Community and its member States on the recognition of the Republics of the Commonwealth of Independent States, issued on 15 January 1992 (see annex).

I should be grateful if you would have the text of the present letter and its annex circulated as an official document of the forty-seventh session of the General Assembly under the item entitled "Review of the Implementation of the Declaration on the Strengthening of International Security".

(Signed) Fernando REINO
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ANNEX

Statement on the recognition of the Republics of the Commonwealth of Independent States, issued on 15 January 1992 by the European Community

The Community and its member States welcome the willingness expressed by Kyrghyzstan and Tadzhikistan to fulfil the requirements contained in the "Guidelines on the recognition of new States in Eastern Europe and the Soviet Union". The Community and its member States are ready to proceed with the recognition of these Republics.

The Community and its member States note with satisfaction that all the members of the Commonwealth of Independent States have now committed themselves to the above-mentioned guidelines.

They welcome in particular:

(a) The acceptance by the Republics concerned of the commitments contained in the CFE Treaty and in other arms reduction agreements;

(b) Their acceptance of other international obligations, and of the commitments outlined by the Helsinki Final Act, the Charter of Paris and all other documents of the Conference on Security and Cooperation in Europe (CSCE);

(c) Their acceptance of obligations related to economic questions in general, and the question of foreign debts of the former Soviet Union in particular;

(d) Their commitment to solve in a peaceful manner and through the appropriate international mechanisms and procedures their differences, in conformity with the Charter of the United Nations and with CSCE.

The Community and its member States reiterate the importance they attach to a single control of nuclear weapons. They call upon all the Republics concerned to adhere as soon as possible to the Treaty on the Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons as non-nuclear weapon States. They also call upon these Republics to ensure effective control of nuclear exports.